



TREE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER

Kathy Siena, Vice Chairperson, opened the meeting at 2:00 PM.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance was observed.

III. ATTENDANCE

Present: Debbie Evans, Kathy Siena, Uma Bhatti, Lisa Stattmiller-Ferrano, John Tamsberg, Kimberly Blair Chenoweth

Absent: None

Staff Present: Will Gurney (Landscape Maintenance Superintendent), Feroz Khalil (Code Compliance), Corey Cramer (Planning & Zoning), Michelle Diaz (Recording Secretary), Rebecca Warner (Assistant Recording Secretary)

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. JUNE 5, 2024 TREE BOARD MINUTES

A motion was made by Lisa Stattmiller-Ferrano, and seconded by John Tamsberg, to approve and adopt the June 5, 2024 Tree Board meeting minutes, unanimously passed by Kathy Siena, Uma Bhatti, Lisa Stattmiller-Ferrano, John Tamsberg, and Kimberly Blair Chenoweth (5-0); with Debbie Evans absent.

V. STAFF UPDATES

A. RECENT PLANTINGS & STATUS UPDATES – WILL GURNEY

Will Gurney updated the Tree Board on recent plantings, projects, and miscellaneous items. The following was discussed:

- The Moncada Project – at this time, there are no updates on the botanical garden that was previously discussed.
- Maureen Parkes has resigned from the Tree Board.
- National Public Lands Day 10th Annual Planting with the Wellington Garden Club – it will take place on September 28th at 8:30 AM at

Wellington Rotary peace Park. The plantings will include understory tree materials for a pine-flatwoods area.

B. TREE ORDINANCES – PLANNING & ZONING

A motion was made by John Tamsberg, and seconded by Lisa Stattmiller-Ferrano, to move the agenda item B. TREE ORDINANCES – PLANNING & ZONING to be discussed first under V. STAFF UPDATES, unanimously passed by Kathy Siena, Uma Bhatti, Lisa Stattmiller-Ferrano, John Tamsberg, and Kimberly Blair Chenoweth (6-0).

Tree Board and staff from Code Compliance and Planning & Zoning discussed the current tree ordinances in Wellington. The following was discussed:

- Minor changes and clarifications on certain items will be made in upcoming revisions to the Land Development Regulations (LDR), along with Will Gurney's recommendations.
- Tree Board can submit any recommendation they may have for ordinances to Will Gurney.
- Code amendments are listed on the Village of Wellington website, as well as a legal advertisement included on the Palm Beach County website and in the newspaper.
- There are plans to release a public service announcement (PSA) on landscape practices.
- Code Enforcement discussed the procedures on tree removals that do not have a permit.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. F.L.O.W.E.R. AWARD NOMINATIONS

Tree Board reviewed and discussed future nominations and the deadline for submitting nomination forms. At this time, there were no nominations submitted. The following was discussed:

- Discussion on advertising the award.
- Updating the website for the 2024 submissions.

A motion was made by Lisa Stattmiller-Ferrano, and seconded by Uma Bhatti, to work with the Communications department in developing an advertisement for the F.L.O.W.E.R. Award, unanimously passed by Kathy Siena, Uma Bhatti, Lisa Stattmiller-Ferrano, John Tamsberg, and Kimberly Blair Chenoweth (6-0).

VII. COMMENTS

Lisa Stattmiller-Ferrano discussed submitting a draft proclamation for Native Plant Month to Council.

A motion was made by Lisa Stattdiller-Ferrano, and seconded by John Tamsberg, to present the proclamation for Native Plant Month. The motion was unanimously passed by Debbie Evans, Kathy Siena, Uma Bhatti, Lisa Stattdiller-Ferrano, John Tamsberg, and Kimberly Blair Chenoweth (6-0).

VIII. ADJOURN

A motion was made by John Tamsberg, and seconded by Debbie Evans, to adjourn at 3:55 PM. The motion was unanimously passed by Debbie Evans, Kathy Siena, Uma Bhatti, Lisa Stattdiller-Ferrano, John Tamsberg, and Kimberly Blair Chenoweth (6-0).

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